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EASLEY APPOINTS STATE BOARD OF ELECTION MEMBERS

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed five members to the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

Easley appointed **Charles Winfree** of Greensboro, an attorney with the firm of Winfree & Winfree since 1989; **Lorraine Shinn** of Greenville, a realtor and broker for Duffus Realty - GMAC Real Estate since 1995; and **Genevieve Sims** of Raleigh, an attorney in private practice since 1987.

Easley reappointed **Rose Vaughn Williams** of Goldsboro, a partner with the law firm of Dees, Smith, Powell, Jarrett, Dees, and Jones since 1994 and **Larry Leake** of Mars Hill, a partner with the law firm of Harrell and Leake since 1980.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections oversees all primaries and elections in the state. The members have the authority to make rules and regulations for the conduct of elections, provide election laws to the county and municipal board elections, and appoint all of the members to the county boards of elections. The members are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms.

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